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RE: CONSULTATION ON LEICESTERSHIRE MINERALS DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND LEICESTERSHIRE WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PREFERRED OPTIONS

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Borough Council considered the documents at its Executive Briefing on the 4th October 2006 and its Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 5th October 2006. The report will be considered by Cabinet on 1st November 2006, however these are the recommendations incorporate Cabinet's initial response and those of Scrutiny and represent the Council's current position. Please use the following comments as our response to the Leicestershire Minerals Development Framework and Leicestershire Waste Development Framework Preferred Options. Should there be any additional comments raised by Cabinet on 1st November I will forward these on accordingly.

Recommendations were resolved as follows:

- 1) Thank Leicestershire County Council for the opportunity to comment on the Leicestershire and Leicester Minerals and Waste Development Framework.
- 2) The Borough Council strongly objects to the Waste Development Framework's proposed allocation of Nailstone Colliery as a landfill site, no justification is proposed within the framework to the identification of Nailstone as a suitable landfill site. In particular the Sustainability Appraisal does not adequately assess the potential impacts of proposed energy from waste facilities at Nailstone in relation to prevailing winds and its close proximity to Battram.
- 3) The Council cannot comment on the proposal for a high-tech treatment facility on the Nailstone Colliery site without further information on the detail of the proposal including commitments on infrastructure provision, the economic and environmental sustainability and energy generation for the Borough as a whole and seeks this information from the County Council.
- 4) Request further clarification as no mitigation measures are mentioned or appropriate measures discussed regarding Footpath Q8.
- 5) Agree with the rejected sites at E Taylor, Leicester Road, Hinckley; G Taylor, Leicester Road, Hinckley and Thornton Lane, Markfield, and the reasons for rejection.

- 6) Agree with the principles of the Cadeby site within the Minerals Development Framework, however have concerns with the Site allocations Preferred options Report, regarding this potential delays to restoration schemes on current sites and seek assurance these issues be redressed as detailed in paragraphs 2.7 to 2.11 below.
- 7) Request further clarification in regard to paragraph 3.22 stating that there would be impacts on previously restored areas and could potentially delay restoration of current areas.
- 8) Request a compulsory mitigation scheme should be implemented to limit potential impacts as identified in paragraph 3.22 of the Site Allocations document.
- 9) Request further clarification in regard to paragraph 3.23 mentions that a potential Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) abuts the western boundaries of Area D, however no description is given to the potential impact on the SINC.
- 10) Request further clarification in regard to paragraph 3.27 states that 'Appropriate provision needs to be made for footpath S66'.
- 11) The Borough Council raises serious concerns that the northern part of Area B encroaches too close to the settlement boundary of Newbold Verdon. Clear mitigation measures need to be included to offset environmental impact for the nearby residents in terms of noise, dust and transport movement. The Council have the same serious concerns with Site A and the effect this would have on Cadeby.

The Council would also like to comment on the lack of publicity of the consultation events held at Newbold Verdon, Battram and Cadeby throughout the consultation period. Many local residents did not know about these until after the event.

Yours faithfully

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